

## POLITICS AND POLITICIANS.

Republican League Delegates Start for Syracuse.

Grand Army Men Kick at Customs Removals.

The New York and Kings County delegates to the Syracuse Convention of the State League of Republican Clubs departed for the scene of tomorrow's gathering on a special train of ten cars, which steamed out of the Grand Central station at 10:10 o'clock this morning. The first car bore the legend, "Republican League delegates," and the others were gayly decked with flags and bunting. A number of the delegates marched in a body from the Fifth Avenue Hotel headquarters.

The Business Men's Republican Club, of the Sixth Assembly District, last night elected as Delegates and Alternates William A. Mars, Henry H. Butler (corporal), Henry Clay Burdett, Charles D. Sweeney, Al Hall, Rev. T. K. Hopkins.

The Hamilton Club—Mahon Chancery, F. J. Kyne, Col. Henry Altman, Capt. W. C. Reddy, Col. T. C. Campbell and R. C. Campbell.

Wadsworth Declines the Honor. Congressman James W. Wadsworth was among the enthusiastic exhorters to the Republican League State Convention at Syracuse today. The genial statesman has been mentioned as a candidate for Governor, and it is generally understood that he should under no circumstances permit his name to head the ticket this fall.

**Richard Croker Helps Pay a Church Debt.**

Richard Croker is at Richfield Springs, where Rev. M. J. Haslin is the rector of St. Joseph's, a struggling little church much in debt. The Tammany chieftain has given \$100 toward paying off this indebtedness, and two other New Yorkers, M. P. Haslin and A. L. Ashmun, the hotel men, have done likewise.

**Candidate Marks and the Sheriff.**

Upon Sheriff Gorman has devolved the not very pleasant duty of seizing the goods of one of the candidates whom he defeated for the Sheriffcy, Gabriel Marks, the "Independent" candidate for Sheriff who got 1,421 votes by dint of much activity and free graft. In his home town of Brooklyn, and who is now talking of running for Congress, owed \$1,455 to Billwater Bros., and the latter sued out the attachment which the sheriff was obliged to levy upon his late property.

Marks has been manufacturing lace caps at 101 Elizabeth street; three years ago, a lace cap cost \$12,000. He succeeded to Marks & Co. last month. Billwater gets the attachment on affidavits that they believe Marks was about to sell his business to him. Marks' wife, who is all a miser, he denies that his campaign expenses are the cause of his present financial straits.

**A Democratic Club Elects.**

For the ensuing year the Young Men's Democratic Club of the Nineteenth Assembly District has elected the following: President, John J. Murphy; Vice-President, Col. Kelly; Executive Secretary, Mrs. H. F. Worthy; Financial Secretary, Chas. Gratzel; Treasurer, Thomas J. Martin; Sergeant-at-Arms, Michael Moriarty. The trustees are Nicholas J. Horan, Gerald Conard and James Byrne.

**Grand Army Men Disatisfied.**

There is a fair prospect that the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Detroit may pass a vote of protest against the wholesale decapitation by Secretary Foster at the New York Custom-House, G. A. R. men figure out that of the eighty-six men dismissed on Aug. 4, forty were members of the Grand Army, and that the encampment here was instituted in order that more money might be spent in Southern custom-houses, and pointing out that the sum appropriated was necessary because of short appropriations? is not true, the last Congress not having reduced the appropriation.

**Cocagni Speaks of a "Gang of Thieves."**

Mr. James J. Cocagni has been tried at certain statements made in regard to his New Hampshire home. He denied the following points made by his defense:

In answer to the statement that Mattie Quay gave \$50,000 towards my candidacy for Mayor in 1888, I desire to say that the statement is absolutely false and untrue.

As far as I know, I did not contribute one dollar towards my election expenses. If Mr. Quay succeeded in obtaining from the Republican Committee \$50,000 or any sum, representations to the contrary notwithstanding, I certainly obtained money under false pretenses.

"In justice to me this matter should be proved to the bottom, and may possibly bring me into court. I am a man of honor, and the political men whom subsequent events proved to be a gang of organized thieves."

**Fassett Notifies Erhardt.**

The newly-appointed collector, J. Sloane Fassett, sent a telegram to the Custom-House this morning, stating that he would be in the city on Monday morning.

In the absence of ex-collector Erhardt, Private Secretary Frank Sperry opened the door of his office to Mr. Fassett, who had not been seen in his office since Saturday, when he had left for New Hampshire to visit relatives.

**Erhardt Won't Be Deposed.**

It was rumored yesterday that Col. Erhardt had been deposed as Chairman of the Board of Directors of a large syndicate, which controls a large amount of real estate. Mr. George, secretary, Mr. Sperry, was soon at the Custom-House and said:

"I can tell you all about it. There is not a word of truth in that story. Col. Erhardt is the Trustee and the property is all in his name. There is no board of directors, and there is no board of trustees. Col. Erhardt is the Trustee, and the property is all in his name."

He has been tried and convicted under the law in the Court of General Sessions, and was sentenced to five years' imprisonment for perjury.

He was arrested on a previous occasion for stealing his mother's diamond, and was released on bail, and his mother was released on bail.

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